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TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
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Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in the fall crop producing areas of the country totaled 173.1 million hundredweight on December 1, 1970, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 6 percent more than the 162.5 million cwt. on hand December 1, 1969 and 13 percent more than the 152.8 million cwt. held December 1, 1968. These stocks consist of fall potatoes held for all uses on December 1.

In the eight eastern fall States, stocks of 44.2 million cwt. compare with 43.5 million in 1969. Maine stocks, at 29.3 million, were 2 percent above 1969. Upstate New York holdings were 14 percent more than those of a year ago while Long Island stocks were 15 percent less. Pennsylvania stocks, at 5.1 million cwt., were 4 percent greater than a year earlier. The eight central fall States had 35.9 million in storage this year, 5 percent more than the 34.1 million a year ago. Holdings were above those of a year ago in all central States except Indiana and Minnesota, which were less. Stocks in the eight western fall States were 93.0 million this year compared with 85.0 million on December 1 last year and 72.0 million in 1968. Idaho stocks of 52.5 million compared with 48.7 million a year earlier. Washington stocks, at 18.2 million cwt. were up from the December 1, 1969 level of 15.3 million. Stocks in Colorado, Oregon and California also were larger than a year earlier.

Production of fall potatoes in 1970 was 251.8 million cwt. compared with 238.5 million in 1969 and 220.8 million in 1968. Disappearance of 1970 potatoes to December 1 was 78.7 million cwt. compared with 76.0 million in 1969 and 68.0 million in 1968.

Movement of the current fall potato crop to fresh market and chippers through November 30, as indicated by rail and truck unloads, was slightly less in 1970 than in the same 1969 period. Potatoes used from the 1970 fall crop for processing of other food uses (excluding starch and flour) were about one-eighth larger than for the same period in 1969 and movement of 1970 fall potatoes to starch factories was below the 1969 levels. Shrinkage and waste to December 1 was less than a year earlier.

Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes, including fresh market, processing, seed and livestock feed, accounted for 88.0 percent of the 1969 fall production and 88.2 percent of the 1968 crop. The balance of the crop disappearance occurred on farms where grown and included losses through shrinkage and waste and use as seed, food in farm household, and livestock feed.

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Statistical Reporting Service — Crop Reporting Board
Pot 1-2 (12-70) — Washington, D. C. 20250

Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1 and March 1 total stocks, crops of 1959-70 in the fall States

Year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1 following year	February 1 following year	March 1 following year
		1,000 cwt.			
1959	167,435	118,560	98,640	77,500	58,175
1960	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645
1961	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960
1962 1/	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605
1966	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517
1967	231,224	161,710	139,350	112,770	86,465
1968	220,786	152,800	130,430	104,915	81,900
1969 2/	238,475	162,505	137,965	111,165	87,350
1970	251,765	173,060			

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.
2/ Revised August 1970 Pot 6 (70).

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 50 States, July 1, 1964-71

Area	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
	Millions							
Eastern	75.3	76.4	77.0	77.6	78.5	79.2		
Central	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.3	87.9	88.7		
Western	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.0	33.5	34.0		
Total	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	199.9	201.9	1/	1/

1/ Not available.

Source: Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

POTATOES: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on December 1, 1969 and December 1, 1970 1/

State	Crop of 1969		Crop of 1970	
	Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 1969	Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 1970
	1,000 cwt.			
Maine	35,100	28,700	35,700	29,300
New Hampshire	176	105	184	110
Vermont	254	185	240	170
Massachusetts	950	460	1,046	540
Rhode Island	1,326	265	1,323	250
Connecticut	1,215	740	1,127	650
New York - L. I.	6,812	4,100	6,291	3,500
- Upstate	8,342	4,050	8,568	4,600
Pennsylvania	7,810	4,850	8,280	5,050
8 Eastern	61,985	43,455	62,759	44,170
Ohio	1,925	600	2,516	1,100
Indiana	1,396	480	1,653	420
Michigan	6,744	4,150	7,566	4,750
Wisconsin	9,000	5,850	9,125	6,300
Minnesota	13,500	10,200	11,440	9,200
North Dakota	16,159	11,400	17,400	12,500
South Dakota	561	300	713	440
Nebraska	1,908	1,100	1,750	1,150
8 Central	51,193	34,080	52,163	35,860
Montana	1,388	1,250	1,388	1,250
Idaho	69,870	48,700	73,195	52,500
Wyoming	578	420	612	400
Colorado	8,695	5,850	9,990	6,800
Utah	1,332	850	1,088	730
Washington	21,930	15,300	25,010	18,200
Oregon	13,412	7,000	16,056	7,300
California	8,092	5,600	9,504	5,850
8 Western	125,297	84,970	136,843	93,030
Total 24 Fall States	238,475	162,505	251,765	173,060

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date"

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